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COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DE L'AFRIQUE
DE L'OUEST(CEAO), THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICA

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1. CHIEFS OF SIX CEAO MEMBER STATES (UPPER VOLTA,
IVORY COAST, MALL, MAURITANIA, NIGER AND SENEGAL)
ATTENDED THIRD CEAO SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN
JUNE 8-9. TOGOLESE FONMIN KODJO ATTENDED AS OBSERVER.
SUMMIT WAS PRECEDED BY EXPERTS MEETING MAY 31-JUNE 4,
AND FINANCE MINISTER'S MEETING JUNE 6-7. FINAL
COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED JUNE 9. MEETINGS RECEIVED

EXHAUSTIVE PRESS AND TV COVERAGE, INCLUDING DESCRIPTINS
OF CEAO, BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF PARTICIPANTS, TEXTS OF
PRACTICALLY EVERY SPEECH AND SUMMARIES OF THE REST. MOUSSA N'GOM,
SUCCESSOR TO CHEIKH FALL AS SECRETARY GENERAL, APPEARED ON
"FAUTEUIL BLANC," IVORY COAST'S "MEET THE PRESS."

2. ALTHOUGH PUBLICITY FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE
SUMMIT, PERHAPS THE MOST INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT WAS THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF A "NONAGGRESSION AND ASSISTANCE PACT,"
OPEN TO ALL STATES OF THE REGION(UNDEFINED) WITH A
PERMANENT SECRETARIAT IN ABIDJAN. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT
EXACTLY THIS WILL INVOLVE, OR INDEED THAT IT HAS BEEN
THOUGHT OUT IN DETAIL. DIPLOMATIC AND IVORIAN SOURCES
SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO A SMALL
MIXED FORCE, LOCATED IN BOUAKE, IN CENTRAL IVORY COAST,
POSSIBLY WITH FRENCH PARTICIPATION OR SUPPORT.
EMBASSY WILL EXPLORE THIS SUBJET FURTHER ALTHOUGH
INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PACT ARE THOROUGHLY
AMORPHOUS. WHAT APPEARS PROBABLE IS THAT HOUPHOUET AND
SENGHOR, WITH SUPPORT FROM OTHER CEAO LEADERS, ARE
ANXIOUS TO GO TO OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE (OPENING JULY 2)
WITH EVIDENCE OF SOME SOLIDARITY AMONG WEST AFRICAN
MODERATES. IT IS PERHAPS NOT COINCIDENTAL THATZAIRE'S
MOBUTU WILL VISIT ABIDJAN JUNE 18. IVORIAN SOURCES TELL
US HOUPHOUET NOT ONLY PLANS ATTEND OAU SUMMIT(WHICH HE
FREQUENTLY ESCHEWS), BUT TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE AND
SPEAK OF HIS CONCERNS ABOUT SOVIET PENETRATION IN AFRICA
AND THE RADICALIZATION OF THE OAU.

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3. ECONOMIC ASPECTS: PRIOR TO THIS SUMMIT CONFERENCE, THE CEAO HAD CONCENTRATED ON THE ELIMINATION OF TARIFF BARRIERS AND THE STANDARDIZATION OF CUSTOMS PRACTICES ON AGRICULTURAL GOODS. A "REGIONAL COOPERATION TAX" COLLECTED TO MAKE UP FOR LOSSES IN CUSTOMS REVENUE IS IN PART TURNED OVER TO A "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND," WHICH IS USED IN TURN TO FINANCE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY THE RATIONALIZATION OF CATTLE-RAISING AND MARKETING.
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4. THIS SUMMIT CREATED A NEW "COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND" AND A "COMMUNIT LOAN GUARANTY FUND." THESE WILL PROVIDE FOR FIVE BILLION CFA TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FOUR POORER STATES. IVORY COAST WILL CONTRIBUTE 50 PERCENT AND SENEGAL 30 PERCENT. HOUPHOUET HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE IVORIAN CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO INDICATED HAT THE CONFERENCE ADOPTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S BUDGET AND THE AMOUNT TO BE SPENT FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE YEAR 1977. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT MORE SPECIFIC ON THESE BUDGETS. MALIAN PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CEAO, REPLACING VOLTAN PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, AND THE FOURTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN BAMAKO IN THE LATTER HALF OF APRIL 1978.

5. NOT MENTIONED, BUT PROBABLY IN THE MINDS OF CEAO CHIEFS OF STATE, WAS THE ORGANIZATION'S EVENTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LARGER REGIONAL GROUPING OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICA(ECOWAS). ECOWAS IS STILL A FLEDGLING, AND ITS INSTITUTIONS LARGELY UNFORMED, BUT THE CEAO STATES HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL POLICAL COMMITMENTS TO ITS SUCCESS. THE PUBLICITY AND HOOPLA SURROUNDING THE CEAO SUMMIT MAY IN PART BE DESIGNED TO LET ECOWAS KNOW THAT THE SMALLER GROUP INTENDS TO CONTINUE OPERATION. THIS WOULD NOT

ENTAIL A REDUCTION OF COMMITMENT TO ECOWAS; STRESS
WOULD RATHER BE LAID ON THE COMPLEMENTARITY OF THE
TWO, AND THE SUGGESTION THAT ECOWAS CAN PROFIT FROM
CEAO'S EXPERIENCE. STEARNS

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